

ABOUT BDBF

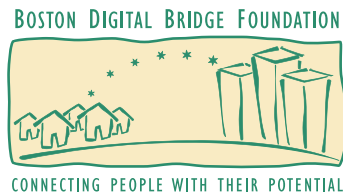
The Foundation provides technology training and computers to Boston families and students by supporting collaborations of community-based organizations and schools that encourage life-changing attitudes in parents and students.

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY (OIT)

The Boston Public Schools' OIT works with teachers and administrators to support teaching and learning through the integration of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact Jackie Collins, TGH @ School Coordinator, Boston Public Schools, Office of Instructional Technology, 617.210.6316, or visit www.digitalbridgefoundation.org.



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TECHNOLOGY GOES HOME @ SCHOOL

Connecting People With Their Potential

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Technology Goes Home @ School (TGH @ School) will provide technology training to you and your son or daughter. Your child's classroom teacher will deliver 25 hours of training to you and your child during out-of-school time. The Boston Digital Bridge Foundation (BDBF)

has modeled TGH @ School after its neighborhood-based Technology Goes Home program that is administered through six Neighborhood Technology Collaboratives (NTC) comprised of 65 community-based organizations.

- Over 1,500 families trained with the TGH curriculum
- Over 5,350 lives impacted in four years
- 95% of the participants said the courses had a positive effect on their computer skills
- 92% of parents report improvement in child's schoolwork
- Program teachers report great success in connecting families with child's school teacher

The curriculum is tied to your child's coursework in the classroom. You will learn an introduction to computers, Microsoft Word, Internet, email and PowerPoint.

GOALS

The goals of the TGH @ School program are:

- To help children improve their academic performance
- To encourage parents and children to work together towards a common goal
- To enhance the relationship between parents and teachers
- To help adults prepare for better employment opportunities

HOW TGH @ SCHOOL WORKS

- Attend an informational meeting at your child's school.
- Complete an application and commit to:
 - 25 hours of specialized technology training for you and your child taught by your child's classroom teacher and computer teacher after school or on Saturdays. (Both you and your child must attend each training session).
- All participants in TGH@S must have a computer and Internet access in order to be involved in the program. In the event that you do not own a computer, Bank of America, offers a no down payment, 0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) loan to purchase a new computer with a free printer and software (2 packages to choose from). Based on a \$800 purchase, the monthly payment would be \$23 for 36 months. Monthly internet access is not included in the monthly payment and you must arrange for Internet access separately.
- You will have the chance to work and learn along with your child. Special "family" assignments using the computer and the Internet will make learning more fun and interesting.
- Upon completion of the program, you will receive a certificate of achievement from Mayor Menino at a graduation ceremony in June.